

dear friend. Words cannot express how much he will be missed.

CONGRATULATING SOUTH JEFFERSON VFW POST 5344 ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize South Jefferson VFW Post 5344 on its 50th Anniversary.

For the past 50 years, members of South Jefferson VFW Post 5344 have successfully advocated on behalf of fellow veterans and their families. The imperative work this post carries out in support of our military families is incredible. VFW Post 5344 has hosted barbecues and fundraisers to benefit community members, and has hosted wreath laying events and ceremonies in honor of Memorial Day and Veterans Day. For its 50 years of dedication to veterans and to the community, Post 5344 will proudly receive its Golden Anniversary Award Citation.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank all of the members of South Jefferson VFW Post 5344 for their selfless service to our Nation and to the local community, and wish this Post all the best in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF CALDWELL COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT STEVE STONE

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent of Schools in Caldwell County, North Carolina. I would like to congratulate Dr. Stone on his retirement after 38 years of service to the students and families of Caldwell County and North Carolina Public School Systems.

Dr. Stone's passion for education was sparked by his classroom experiences growing up with skilled teachers in Person County, North Carolina. Their unwavering commitment to their students propelled him forward to receive his Bachelor's Degree from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, his Master's Degree from University of North Carolina Charlotte, and lastly his Doctorate from North Carolina State University. Over the course of his career, Dr. Stone served as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, school level principal, and central office director. Shaped by our state's esteemed public school and university system, Superintendent Stone is a strong advocate for public education.

As Superintendent of Caldwell County Schools, Dr. Stone focused on sustainability and success. He is active and involved with numerous educational organizations that promote, invest, and protect our children's future. Dr. Stone started and supported initiatives

which have led to 9 consecutive years of increasing high school graduation rates, 7 years of increasing college scholarship awards, and expanded access to Technology, Engineering, Science, and Mathematics for the students of Caldwell County.

Dr. Stone is highly regarded among his colleagues throughout the state and in Caldwell County and is the 2nd longest tenured superintendent in North Carolina. His service and conviction to provide a productive, forward-moving environment for all students to learn will leave a legacy for decades to come. Dr. Stone has impacted the lives of the people he serves and it is my distinct honor to recognize his outstanding work and express the best wishes of the people of Western North Carolina on the occasion of his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EDUARDO BUENAFLO

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take a few moments today to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Eduardo Buenaflor, a proven executive with records of generating exceptional results.

Mr. Buenaflor has been an important figure in advancing the U.S. Navy aircraft. He helped develop the fast paced HH-60H Seahawk aircraft that is currently being used by a squadron. As Director of Operations at the Navy, his responsibilities included day-to-day flight operations, strategic planning, aircraft acquisition integration, foreign and domestic key partner relations, business systems, and leadership.

Leading by example, as Director of Human Resources, he managed staffing for 3 departments, 15 production work centers involving 400 personnel and 23 division managers, assured that qualified individuals are placed in the correct position. He is highly organized in the management of 255 career development boards, employee evaluations, and 29 employee disciplinary review boards and as Chairman of employee awards board.

Recently, Mr. Buenaflor was awarded Armed Forces Joint Meritorious Service Medal for a combat tour in Iraq and four separate Navy Commendation Medals that were awarded for exceptional leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Buenaflor and the positive impact he has made in the Armed Forces.

HONORING GEORGE MACLEOD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George MacLeod and remember his rich and full life. Mr. MacLeod leaves behind a legacy of successful winemaking and a passion for the industry and our community.

In his early career, Mr. MacLeod was a geophysical engineer, working in the electronics industry at Fisher Research Laboratories and Knapic Electronics in Silicon Valley. He then worked on the development of Light-Emitting Diode (LED) technologies at Monsanto.

In 1974, Mr. MacLeod and his wife, Greta Fisher MacLeod, bought their ranch, 50 rugged acres above Kenwood, California, which was called Indian Springs Ranch. Mr. MacLeod dove headfirst in grape growing and winemaking and did so with fervor. He took courses at Santa Rosa Junior College and the University of California, Davis and contacted grape growers in the Sonoma Valley to learn as much as possible about the industry and the process.

Mr. MacLeod liked to joke about his inexperience with farming and grape growing. He compensated for his newness to the profession with talent, drive and perseverance. The vineyard's first Sauvignon Blanc harvest won a gold medal and Mr. MacLeod loved to tell that story.

Mr. MacLeod cherished the winemakers of the Sonoma Valley. He helped write the constitution for the Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Alliance and was its first president. In 2015, Mr. MacLeod was inducted into their Hall of Fame, the first person to receive this honor. Mr. MacLeod stayed involved with our community as the author of the Journey to Harvest column in the Kenwood Press. He also published a memoir, family history books and wrote a book on terroir and how it affects the flavor of wine.

Mr. Speaker, George MacLeod was always willing to lend a hand and help our community flourish. He was a devoted husband and dedicated father and an example of how to live life with integrity and generosity. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING FARNEY'S HOME AND BUILDING CENTER ON ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 1, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Farney's Home and Building Center on its 60th anniversary.

Gladysce and Vincent Farney established Farney's Home and Building Center in 1958, and the business has played an essential role in providing home tools and appliances to the community since. The Farneys built their business from the ground up and includes a lumber yard, building supplies, a hardware store and kitchen, and a bathroom and countertop design showroom. Now in its second generation, the family company is run by the couple's son, Reg Farney, but Gladysce and Vincent remain quite active in the business. In recognition of their many years in the hardware business, Gladysce and Vincent were awarded the Estwing's Golden Hammer Award in 2015.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Farney's Home and Building Center on its 60th anniversary. The Farney family sets a wonderful example for developing a prosperous small business in the North Country.